

REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 10-17, and 19-34 are now pending in the application.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant has amended the specification in accordance with the originally filed claims that continue to remain pending. No new matter has been added.

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN IP AUSTRALIA (IPAU) AND THE USPTO

The subject application is a National Phase entry of International Application No. PCT/AU2005/000814. The Australian National Phase Application (No. 2005252264) was granted by the IP Australia on May 8, 2008. See Attachment C, WO2005/121306. Applicant hereby requests participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program and petitions to make the subject application special.

Applicant has amended the claims of the subject application to conform with the granted claims of the corresponding granted Australian application, the only difference being the removal of multiple dependencies from certain claims. Applicant has provided the relationship between the pending claims of the subject application and the granted claims of the corresponding Australian application in the Claims Correspondence Table at pages 2 and 3 of the Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between IP Australia (IPAU) and the USPTO document. Attachment A is a Response to Office Action filed in the corresponding Australian application, showing the claims of that application. Attachment B is the Notice of

Acceptance from the IPAU showing the acceptance of those claims. The application was ultimately granted on May 8, 2008.

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 4, 2008

By: /dpu/
David P. Utykowski
Reg. No. 39,052

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.
P.O. Box 828
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303
(248) 641-1600

DPU/src